

Optometry's roots date back to the ancient Greeks and their study of the mechanics of vision. In 1898, the evolving profession of optometry in the United States began to coalesce with the first meeting of the American Association of Opticians. The association had a charter membership of 183 members representing 31 States. The association adopted the use of the term optometrist in 1903, and in 1918 changes its name to the American Optometric Association.

Since those early days, optometry has grown into a dynamic health care profession with nearly 31,000 practicing optometrists in more than 4,000 cities and towns spanning the U.S. Optometry encompasses the care of the eye and vision system through the diagnosis, treatment and management of eye diseases and vision disorders.

The theme of this year's conference is "A Celebration of Sight." In addition to an extensive program of continuing education and the consideration of policy resolutions, the AOA will be electing a new president. Taking over as the association's 76th president will be Dr. Michael D. Jones of Athens, TN. He will be succeeding Dr. T. Joel Byars from McDonough, GA.

I would like to ask my colleagues to join in saluting the American Optometric Association on the occasion of its Centennial Congress.

WE NEED A TAX BILL THAT'S FAIR

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, we need a tax bill that's fair.

That means, quite simply, that the tax bill we pass must be targeted to those who need it the most—middle-income families. A fair tax bill would give a real tax break to the middle class, not the super rich.

It would include the President's proposals to make higher education more affordable. It would provide tax relief for family-owned farms and small businesses, a 100-percent health insurance deduction for the self-employed, and relief for home offices.

But there's one thing that a fair tax bill would never include: a tax cut for the super rich that explodes after the first 5 years. That tax cut will saddle us all with more debt and put a tough new squeeze on our hard-working families.

Let's play fair. Let's protect our families. Let's vote for the motion to instruct.

TRIBUTE TO CLARA BELL DICKERSON

HON. LYNN N. RIVERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, for the record, I would like to honor and congratulate Ms. Clara Bell Dickerson on her 100th birthday. Witness to the advent of cars and electricity, the Great Depression and two world wars, Ms. Dickerson celebrated 100 years of life and achievement on May 21, 1997.

In 1936, Ms. Dickerson and her husband, Jeremiah Dickerson, became residents of Salem Township, MI. In this burgeoning community, they raised four children; Claver, Tamenund, Edward, and Edwina. Ms. Dickerson is especially proud of her son, Tamenund James Dickerson, who served his country as a Tuskegee airman with the 99th squadron from June 27, 1944 to March 19, 1946.

Ms. Dickerson is an active participant in the Salem community, giving generously of her time to local organizations. She has been a member of the Salem Historical Society since its beginning. For over 50 years, she has been a member of the Salem Bible Church where she has taught and assisted in teaching Sunday School since 1979. She served as a reading aide at the Salem Elementary School from 1986 to 1991. From 1985 to 1994, Ms. Dickerson assisted in the distribution of surplus food for the Salem Township and surrounding areas.

Working out of her home from 1950 to 1985, Ms. Dickerson catered to many special events, weddings, and graduations for generations of families throughout Washtenaw County.

On behalf of the friends and family of Ms. Dickerson, I express my heartfelt congratulations on the extraordinary accomplishment of her 100th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR JOHN EDWARD MORRIS

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Msgr. John Edward Morris on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood.

Monsignor Morris was born on July 13, 1921 in Brooklyn, New York, the first child of John E. and Mary Cassion Morris. His parents moved to Lincoln Park, NJ several years later, where he, his three brothers and one sister grew up. He attended St. John's High School in Paterson and began studies for the priesthood at Seton Hall College, South Orange in 1939. He completed those studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, NJ and Catholic University in Washington, DC in 1947.

Monsignor Morris was ordained into the priesthood for the Diocese of Paterson on May 31, 1947. He was ordained by Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh of the Archdiocese of Newark at the Sacred Heart Cathedral because Paterson's Bishop McLaughlin had died 2 months previously and a successor had not yet been chosen.

Monsignor Morris was assigned as associate pastor to Holy Trinity Church (Heilige Dreifaltigkeits Kirche) in Passaic, NJ on June 10, 1947, where he ministered to youth and elderly alike. He attended classes and became proficient in the German language so as to better serve the German-speaking immigrants from Europe. At the same time, he taught at Pope Pius XII High School in Passaic.

Monsignor Morris continued until 1961, when Bishop McNulty called upon him to further his studies at the Catholic University in

Washington, DC. There he attained a doctorate in educational administration. He returned to the Paterson Diocese in 1964 and became its third superintendent of schools, overseeing all the grammar and high schools of the diocese. He remained in this position until 1971. During these years he began an association with the Little Sisters of the Poor, residing at their Dey Street home in Paterson and serving as their chaplain to the sisters and residents.

In 1971, Monsignor Morris returned to Holy Trinity Parish, where he has served as co-pastor and pastor ever since. He was honored by Pope John Paul II and given the title "Monsignor" in 1981. Monsignor Morris has nobly and generously served both the church and the community. His devoted service is indeed admirable.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Monsignor Morris' family and friends, the congregation of Holy Trinity Church and the city of Passaic in recognition of the momentous occasion of the 50th anniversary of Msgr. John Edward Morris' ordination into the priesthood.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN W. GROVER

HON. JIM BUNNING

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of northern Kentucky, a man who has proven beyond any doubt that one person who is willing to give his own time and ability can indeed make a difference. I'm speaking of Dr. John W. Grover of Fort Thomas, KY.

After serving in the Korean war, as a lieutenant on the U.S.S. *Breckenridge*, John Grover established himself as a family physician in Fort Thomas, KY. Over the next 38 years, until his retirement in 1990, John managed to maintain a very successful practice, providing regular health care to a goodly portion of the population of Fort Thomas. He was my family's physician for a good 25 years. During this same period, he also found the time, with the help of his wife, Jo, to raise a family of four fine children.

But success at family and profession weren't enough for John Grover. From the beginning, he gave back as much as he got. From the beginning, he immersed himself in public service.

For 22 years, he served as the team physician for Highlands High School football team. He served on the board of directors of the YMCA. He served on the board of directors of St. Luke Hospital for 16 years. He provided free medical care for the children of Holly Hill Children's Home for 36 years. He volunteered at the Vine Street Medical Clinic in downtown Cincinnati.

Even when it came to his hobbies, John couldn't sidestep the call of voluntarism. He was an avid spelunker, spending 8 years helping to map and survey unexplored areas of Mammoth Cave, and from 1968 to 1976, he also served as safety director of the Cave Research Foundation.

Dr. John Grover is an unusual man of exceptional talent—but his greatest achievement and what he will always be remembered for is what he gave back—through selfless public